Anganwadi Centres (AWC)

For Rural/ Urban Projects

400-800	-	1AWC
800-1600	-	2 AWCs
1600-2400	-	3 AWCs

Thereafter in multiples of 800 1 AWC

For Mini-AWC

150-400	1 Mini-AWC

For Tribal / Riverine / Desert, Hilly and other difficult areas/ Projects

300-800	1 AWC

For Mini-AWC

150-300	1 Mini AWC

Sexual abuse of children

3543. SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI:
SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA:

Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether according to a study conducted by Government, it has been revealed that a large number of children are facing one or more form of sexual abuse;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the 'Child Abuse: India 2007' published by her Ministry has revealed shocking instances of child sexual abuse; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and further steps Government has taken/proposes to take to check such instances?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA TIRATH): (a) to (d) A study on Child Abuse was undertaken by the Ministry of Women and Child Development in 2007 which covered 13 States with a sample size of 12447 children, 2324 young adults and 2449 stakeholders. Major findings of the Study regarding sexual abuse of children are given in the Statement *(See* below).

The issues relating to child abuse are being addressed by the Government through policies, legislations, plans, schemes and programmes which include National Policy on Children 1974, National Charter for Children 2003, Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act 2000 and its amendment in 2006. Immoral Traffic (Prevention) Act, 1956, Child Labour (Prohibition and Regulation) Act 1986, National Plan of Action for Children 2005, Integrated Child Protection Scheme, Scheme for Working Children, etc. The National Commission for Protection of Child Rights, a statutory body set up in March 2007, also inquires into the complaints of violation of child rights.

Statement

Sexual Abuse

1. 53.22% children reported having faced one or more forms of sexual abuse.

2. Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Bihar and Delhi reported the highest percentage of sexual abuse among both boys and girls.

3. 21.90% child respondents reported facing severe forms of sexual abuse and 50.76% other forms of sexual abuse.

4. Out of the child respondents, 5.69% reported being sexually assaulted.

5. Children in Assam, Andhra Pradesh, Bihar and Delhi reported the highest incidence of sexual assault.

6. Children on street, children at work and children in institutional care reported the highest incidence of sexual assault.

7. 50% abuses are persons known to the child or in a position of trust and responsibility.

8. Most children did not report the matter to anyone.

Formation of state commission for protection of child rights

3544. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:
SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN:
Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether her Ministry is not happy with the State Governments for not forming State Commissions for Protection of Child Rights for more than four years since the National Commission for Protection of Child Rights Act, was passed in 2005;

(b) if so, whether under section 17, the States have been asked to form Commissions for Protection of Child Rights;

(c) if so, whether the State Commissions would function under the State Governments; and

(d) the reasons therefore and whether Government has taken a view and has asked the State Governments to take immediate measures in implementing the Act?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA TIRATH): (a) to (d) The Commissions for Protection of Child Rights Act, 2005 prescribes under Section 17 that a State Government may constitute a body to be known as the State Commission for Protection of Child Rights. So far the State Commissions have been set up in Delhi, Goa, Maharashtra, Karnataka and Sikkim. The Ministry of Women and Child Development has been requesting the State Governments and UT Administrations from time to time to set up State Commissions for Protection of Child Rights as provided under the Act. Necessary action is being taken by other State Governments to set up the State Commissions.